

# Water Advisory

## Effective Date 2014

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### Brinckerhoff Water District

### Public Water Supply # NY1302766

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As a customer of the Brinckerhoff Water District, your water is supplied from several wells. There are three wells which are part of the Brinckerhoff Well Field near Doug Philips Park. Wells I & II each produce 300 gpm and are used to meet daily consumption. Well III is a back-up *emergency* well which produces 600 gallons per minute. In 2009, the Dutchess County Health Department deemed that only Well III was Under the Influence of Ground Water (GWUDI). This condition requires filtration in order to be used for daily consumption. At this time, Well III is exercised and in a ready state but not utilized. Treatment of Well III or an alternate plan was originally to be in effect by 2011. The New York State Health Department considers this a violation of 5-1.3 and 5-1.9 of Part V of the New York State Sanitary Code.

**The following steps are being taken to correct this issue:** The Town has authorized and submitted an engineering report to the Dutchess County Health Department to alleviate this violation. Currently, the Dutchess County Health Department and the Town Engineer are reviewing this report. Once we have an approval from the Dutchess County Health Department action can be taken.

**What does GWUDI mean?** "Under the direct influence of surface water" means the groundwater source is receiving direct surface water recharge. Since a portion of the groundwater source's recharge is from surface water, the groundwater source is considered at risk of microbiological contamination.

**Why am I being notified?** The presence of microbiological contaminants is a health concern at certain levels of exposure. If water is inadequately treated, microbiological contaminants in that water may cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and any other associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water but may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. The New York State Department of Health has set enforceable requirements of treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects.

**Is the water safe to drink?** Yes. Routine testing for Brinckerhoff Water District indicates the water supply continues to meet New York State drinking water standards. Routine testing will continue and customers will be notified if routine testing indicates that exposure may create health risks.

**Advisory for the Immunocompromised** – The Dutchess County Health Department believes the risk of waterborne disease is low based on routine testing results. However, immunocompromised individuals may want to consider, in consultation with their health care provider, extra precautions to minimize their risk of infection. Precautions may include boiling drinking water for at least two minutes or purchasing bottled water certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health.

**For further information please contact:**

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